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What is INFORMER?

INFORMER is developing a suite of tools and resources to facilitate the integration of RAV (Refugee, Asylum seeker and vulnerable migrant) women.

To achieve this, we are creating:

- A Best Practice Handbook on the Social Integration of RAV women
- A Digital Platform to be accessed by our target groups
- A Social Integration Mentoring Supporter MOOC (Massive Open Online Course)
- An online Community of Practice
- An Impact Assessment and Policy Recommendation Report

These outputs will enable settled female migrants to support other women in their integration, as well as allowing NGOs and charities working in this field to network across Europe.

Project Progress

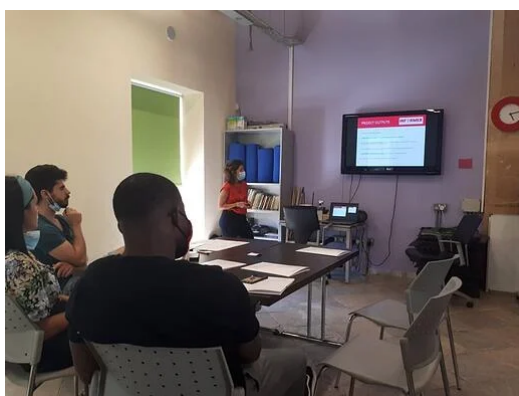
The first stage of our project involved research into existing good practices in the social integration of RAV women from partner countries and beyond. This was largely completed via the hosting of innovative 'Knowledge Exchange Workshops' held earlier this year.

This research fed into the development of our Handbook which has collected 100 Best Practices from across Europe and will soon be published online.

The next stage of our project will involve the technical development of the Digital Platform which will house all the INFORMER resources listed above.

Knowledge Exchange Workshops

A 'co-creation methodology' is being implemented for INFORMER, with partners actively engaging with NGOs and charities who work to support RAV women. We will soon be inviting a selection of these experts to offer feedback on the current progress of our project at both face-to-face and virtual workshops. Keep an eye out for your email invite!



INFORMER is a 30-month **Erasmus+ KA2 project** addressing the economic and social integration of RAV women, their capacity to interact and feel at ease in their social environment, and participate in social and political life.

The Opportunity Centre (UK) is coordinating this project with partners **IED** from Greece, **FO.RI.UM.** from Italy, **FU-Uppsala** from Sweden, **The Square Dot team** from Belgium, and **SYNTHESIS** from Cyprus.

To read more about the consortium, please visit the [project website](https://informerintegration.com).

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Transnational Meetings



Our Second Transnational Meeting took place via Zoom on 9-10 September, due to ongoing travel restrictions. Discussions involved the finalisation of our Best Practice Handbook, the technical development of our Digital Platform, initial brainstorming for the MOOC, continuing the formation of our Community of Practice as well as the assessment of impact through project activities.

To read about previous meetings and events, please visit the [news](#) section of our website.

Recent **Facebook** articles posted:

‘I’m one of them’: the FGM survivor providing a lifeline in Leeds

Migrant women and babies held in shocking conditions, MPs find

One third of migrant and refugee women experience domestic violence, major survey reveals



Our Inspiration

INFORMER has been inspired by a project led by our Swedish Partner, **Folksuniversitetet Uppsala** named **EMKIT2** (Empowerment Toolkit for Trainers for the Development of the Social and Cultural Competence and Media Literacy for Low Skilled Migrant Women). This transnational project involved partners from Greece, Cyprus, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The '**Active Citizenship Scale**' these partners utilised also shaped the way in which the first phase of INFORMER research was completed and further guides us as we start to build our multifaceted Digital Platform.



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